Production of TV Programmes outside Doordarshan

3270. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Information and Broadcasting Ministry in 1984-85, invited independent producers to join the Electronic News Gathering package deal to take up production of programmes and serials for Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Information and Broadcasting Ministry offered a Rs. 15 lakh package of equipment from the public sector Gujarat Communications and Electronics Ltd. to enable them to start production right away and feed Doordarshan's widening network of transmitter stations all over the country;

(c) whether it is fact that the independent producers were asked to develop a production capacity of 150 hours a year;

(d) whether it is fact that the Doordarshan has neither gave them any assignment nor provided any openig yet; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (e). With a view to encouraging production of programmes outside Doordarshan, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced a scheme in 1984-85 for allotment of video equipment packages (limited to 10) in number) at a concessional price of about Rs. 15-00 lakhs per package from M/s. Gujarat Communications and Electronics Ltd., Baroda. The applicants were required to have an initial capacity of 150 hours of video programmes per annum. The allotment was, however, made under the clear guarantee the acceptance of programmes. can be accepted by Doordarshan for telecast over its network as are of deired quality and meet the full requirements set out for telecast of privately produced programmes.

New Mines Sites located in Andhra Pradesh

3271. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of mine sites have been located in Andhra Pradesh particularly in the Nalgonda district;

(b) if so, what is the number of new mines sites located in that State during 1987-88 and what is their production capacity; and

(c) whether Government propose to send a central team to excavate new mines in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b). Geological and mineral survey is a continuous process and is being conducted in Andhra Pradesh (including Nalgonda district) since long. The following minerals have been reported/resources estimated from Nalgonda district : Limestone 25 million tonnes of cement grade in Miryalguda and Hazurnagar taluks; Chinaclay 32514 tonnes; Corundum from a number of places in Miryalguda taluk; Felspar good quality from pegmatites in Nidmanur, Damarcherla and Charkonda. On the basis of investigations conducted by Geological Survey of India and other agencies, the Indian Bureau of Mines has prepared an inventory of various minerals in Andhra Pradesh and has estimated the reserves as follows: All figures are in million tonnes. Bauxite 576.99 Mt. of metallurgical grade in East Godavari and Visakhapatnam districts; Copper ore 9.097 Mt. with 1.479 copper in Khamam, Guntur and Kurnool districts; Lead-Zinc ore 8.319 Mt. with 2.78 per cent lead and 1.06 per cent zinc in Guntur, Cuddapah and Prakasam districts; Manganese ore 7.13 Mt. of all grades in Viziangram, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Adilabad districts; Magnetitic ore 244.79 Mt. with 20 to 63 per cent iron in Adilabad, Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Prakasam and Warangal districts; Hematitic ore 12.04 Mt. with plus